

NED GILMORE'S WARD.

Mary Gilbert's Adopted Son Swears in a New York Court

HE CAN'T GET LIVING EXPENSES

From His Mother's Estate—Famous Money in Litigation—Gilmore No Longer Regards the Young Man As His Son—How the Estate Was Saved—Mrs. Gilbert's Will Contested A Sensational Case.

New York, Jan. 14.—Theatrical Manager Edward G. Gilmore has for some years acted as executor of the estate of a woman who was so notorious in her day that she deserved the title once applied to her of "New York's Cora Pearl." She was known both as Mary Gilbert and as Mrs. Lasher, and many well known New Yorkers paid homage to her. In the summer she occupied one of the fanciest cottages on Union avenue, Saratoga, and her smart dog cart was one of the most conspicuous traps at the Springs.

She died in 1884, leaving the property she had accumulated to the youth whom she had always recognized as her son, and who now passes as William L. Gilmore.

"Ned" Gilmore was appointed executor, with instructions to convert everything into cash and to invest the money in first mortgages on New York city property. William was to be educated at Mount Pleasant academy, Sing Sing, at the expense of the estate, and was to receive everything when he came of age. In the event of his death before reaching his majority the money was to go to the executor.

The young man now comes forward and declares that the executor had been untrue to his trust. Counsellor Charles E. Le Barbier, of No. 65 Park row, filed in the Surrogate's office yesterday afternoon a long petition for the appointment of a special guardian to take charge of young Gilmore's interests.

WHAT WILLIAM CHARGES.

William L. Gilmore says in this document that he was nineteen years of age on May 26, 1891, and that the estate to which he is entitled amounts to about \$50,000. For the protection of his rights it is essential that a proper person should be appointed as guardian. He was graduated at the Mount Pleasant Academy in June, 1887, and took one year's term in the post graduate class. He has been "cruelly and inhumanely" treated, he says, by Edward G. Gilmore, who has neglected to provide the support stipulated by Mrs. Gilbert's will.

After his graduation, William says, he was placed by his guardian in a "common, ordinary boarding house," No. 133 East Sixteenth street, where \$7 a week was paid for his board. After remaining there for a couple of months he was told that he would have to find a cheaper place. For his personal use he was getting \$1 a week or less during this period, notwithstanding his frequent "demands, prayers and solicitations" for more. He then went to live at No. 130 East One hundred and Twenty-second street, where his board and lodging cost \$6 a week. In the fall of 1888 Mr. Gilmore refused to support him any longer, and procured for him a position in the custom house, which he had to accept. He acted as messenger and received \$70 a month for his services.

NOW LIVING ON CHARITY.

He retained this work for about a year and a half. He was not strong, and in June, 1891, ill health forced him to resign. He now lives at No. 723 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, where \$5 a week is charged for his board, but he is unable to pay anything. His unceasing efforts to find some employment have been unsuccessful, and he now feels discouraged and disheartened. He is especially disgusted by the failure of the executor to maintain him in suitable circumstances. He keenly feels the mortification of his present position, as he was not brought up to provide for himself, and he has found his path beset with difficulties. He is now an object of charity, living by the bounty of friends. If the court will grant a suitable allowance from the estate, payable in the lump sum due since 1887, William thinks he can meet his obligations.

The executor, he swears, has wilfully disregarded and abandoned the trust imposed on him under the will and has shown himself an unfit guardian by his brutal treatment. No accounting has ever been made, and William is unable to tell exactly what property he will be entitled to on attaining his majority, or whether any mortgages at all have been purchased for him.

The surrogate granted an order directing Mr. Gilmore to show cause why Lawyer Charles E. Le Barbier should not be appointed guardian. Mr. Le Barbier signifies his willingness to accept the duties.

"NED" GILMORE EXPECTED IT.

Manager "Ned" Gilmore had not heard that any proceeding had been taken in court, though, he said, he had been expecting something of the sort from the tenor of a letter he received last week which had evidently been dictated by a lawyer.

"I am glad to get the boy's address," he exclaimed, as he read the contents of the petition. "The trouble is that he has gotten into the hands of sharpers. He is not entitled to use the name of Gilmore. That is not his name. I have heard who his parents really are since the death of his adopted mother. He was not her son. I have done everything for him and have tried to make a man of him, but I have failed."

"This is a difficult matter for me to discuss, as I am now a married man. I have tried to take the boy into my home, and my wife has tried to assist him, but it has been of no use. I got him the position in the custom house, and I now have work for him to do, but I have not seen him for a month or more."

"I have always given him money. The last time I saw him I gave him \$20. The amount of money he says he will be entitled to is greatly exaggerated, I suppose for a purpose. His adopted mother left a house in New York, but it was mortgaged. The estate really amounted to \$12,000. Part of this money was spent on the boy's education, and I wish to God that he came of age to-morrow so that I could place the entire amount between his hands. As he has gone to law, however, I will fight to the end."

"He owes everything to me. When his supposed mother died her relatives contested her will, and it was only my efforts that saved the estate for him. I almost placed myself in contempt of court for his sake."

MR. GILMORE'S REPLY.

Few men are better known, either personally or by sight, to the great mass of New Yorkers than "Ned" Gilmore,

who has for many years been one of the great purveyors of amusements for the metropolis. He came here, a bright Yankee lad without a penny, and has by steps risen to the position he now holds in the theatrical world. He was a bartender in the old St. Nicholas hotel in the days before the war, when the mixed drinks of that café varied for fashionable favor with the \$1 a glass brandy sold at Hol's, on Broome street. He became a protégé of Commissioner "Shed" Shook, through whose advice he went into theatrical management. His first venture was in partnership with "Bob" Butler in the Theater Comique, a variety house at No. 514 Broadway. Shook built the Union Square for Butler & Gilmore, who ran it as a variety theatre. The style of entertainment there was only changed when A. M. Palmer, the librarian of the Mercantile library, was put in charge. After that Mr. Gilmore was interested in Gilmore's Garden, now the Madison Square, and in the Cosmopolitan, now the Broadway Theater. He is at the present time manager of Niblo's Theater and one of the managers of the Academy of Music. Neither of these houses was profitable last year.

Mr. Gilmore has figured in many litigations. The law firm of Levy, Friend & House has now an action pending against him brought on behalf of Mr. Bull, the door keeper of the Madison Square Garden, who claims to have been assaulted because he refused to admit Mr. Gilmore, whom he did not know, without a ticket. Mr. Bull declares that it was only the presence of Mrs. Gilmore that prevented him from retaliating in kind.

THE GILBERT WILL CONTEST.

The will contest to which Mr. Gilmore referred in his interview was one of the most sensational of the many tried before Surrogate Daniel G. Rollins. Mrs. Gilbert's will was made in January, 1884, by ex-Judge Dittenhoefer, while the woman was on her death bed. Her brother, William J. Swart, and three other relatives opposed its admission to probate on the ground that it was executed under undue influence, that Mrs. Gilbert was of unsound mind and that the sole legatee was not her son.

Some of Mrs. Gilbert's servants testified on the trial that she had always called the boy her son, and that Mr. Gilmore was a constant visitor of the house where she lived, No. 103 West Thirty-eighth street.

When Mr. Gilmore was called to the witness stand he swore that he had given about \$2,000 a year to Mrs. Gilbert. Here is an interesting fragment from his examination:

Q. What is your relation to the boy named as legatee? A. The testatrix told me that I was his father.

Q. Don't you know? A. How could I know? I can only say what Mrs. Gilbert told me.

Q. Don't you know that he is the child of another woman and that you are his father? A. No, sir.

Q. Have you not told friends that the boy was the son of another woman? A. No.

Q. Where was he born? A. Mrs. Gilbert went to the country before his birth in 1872 and returned to the city afterward.

Q. What does he call you? A. Papa.

Q. What did he call Mrs. Gilbert? A. Mamma.

Mr. Gilmore said Mrs. Gilbert had told him that she wanted all her money to go to the boy. He had answered that his desire was the same, and that he would always care for William. Mrs. Gilbert did not want a penny to go to her relatives—not even her old clothes. She once told him that she wanted him to throw her brother out of the window in case the man ever came into the house.

Surrogate Rollins admitted the will to probate on January 6, 1885.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

James Irish, a wool buyer of Pawtucket, R. I., is at the McLure house.

Rev. Wirt King and wife are visiting Dr. Ford, who is Mrs. King's father.

Misses Edna Hamilton and Katie Jones, of Steubenville, are visiting Wheeling friends.

Mr. Andrew Noone, formerly of Wheeling, now of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother on the South Side.

Mrs. William Giesey and child, who have been visiting Mrs. Giesey's parents in Staunton, Va., will return home to-day.

Mrs. E. Walters, of the East End, who left on the steamer City of Paris for England to visit her mother, arrived at Liverpool yesterday.

A. L. Hadner, of Fairmont; D. Abernethy, of Proctor; L. Bidelle, of Williams-town; D. Daly and Dan Wallace, of Sistersville, registered yesterday at the Behler.

Mr. William Ewing and Mr. Alex Glass, of the Wheeling Corrugating Company, are in Canton, Ohio, to attend the annual meeting of the National Iron Roofing Association, of which Mr. Ewing is vice president.

Wants to Come Home.

Chief of Police McNichol yesterday received a letter from the chief constable at Toronto, Canada, H. J. Grant, as nearly as anybody can make out his peculiar writing, saying that he has in custody a man who gives his name as Ellsworth Harris, and says that he is wanted here for embezzling \$200 from Hazlett, Wheat & Hays. The chief saw the firm named and was told that the man had embezzled a sum of money, but they did not care to prosecute him. Capt. McNichol therefore telegraphed to the Toronto officer to let the man go.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats, The River Interests.

The river was rising last night, with 10 feet 6 inches of water in the channel. The reports from above were:

Warren—2 feet; weather colder and snowing.

Brownsville—20 feet 6 inches and rising; weather cloudy and cool.

The Hudson passed down for Cincinnati yesterday morning.—The Courier left for Parkersburg at noon.

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OPERA HOUSE this evening—"The Still Alarm."

THE GRAND this evening—"The Broom-maker."

The Western Sanitary Pottery will begin operations at Tiltonville on Monday, January 18.

The asphalt to be used to coat the stone arch of the Main street bridge has arrived on the ground.

SEVERAL candidates were put through the different degrees last night by Black Prince lodge K. of P.

THERE will be music at the Wheeling Club this evening. Killmeyer will play and a large attendance is expected.

OFFICER FROHME was off duty last night on account of being ill. He is not gravely sick, but has a slight attack of the grip.

SQUIRE ARKLE yesterday dismissed the case of William Wirtzberger, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses.

THERE will be a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the Y. M. C. A. building at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

SO FAR there has been no move made in the much talked of case of Louis Delbrugge against the city, to recover the office of chief of police.

RHEA GRAY'S HOUSE of ill fame was raided last night by Officers Daum, Carney and Desmond. One man, two girls and the landlady were arrested.

The opening ball of the Ravine reading room boys will be given this evening in the new Vigilant engine house, and there will doubtless be a large attendance.

The young ladies of North street M. E. church will give a novel social at the church to-night. It is called a "library social." A good time is assured to all who attend.

WILLIAM BODLEY, the bricklayer, slipped and fell yesterday at noon on Jacob street, near Sixteenth, cutting a gash in his temple. Though he bled considerably he walked unaided to his home.

A MEETING of the City Council has been called for this evening to attend to the routine business which should have been attended to on Tuesday night had there been a quorum.

The funeral of the late Hon. Benjamin Fisher will take place Saturday afternoon. A call for the Knights Templar of Cyrene Commandery is printed in another part of this morning's paper.

NEXT week there will be no attraction at the Opera House till the end of the week, when Richard Golden will present that delightful character, "Old Jed Prouty," for the first time in Wheeling.

CLERK Hook yesterday admitted to record an article of agreement for a ten-foot alley in Ebenezer Zane's addition, made by the Caldwell & Peterson Manufacturing Company and Henry Bieberston.

THE members of the proposed K. of P. lodge of Tilton have been offered by the lodge of Martin's Ferry the use of the Castle hall for the institution of the lodge. Mr. O'Berney is to be the institutor.

The entertainment to be given at Westwood's hall this evening by Lady Washington Council Daughters of Liberty bids fair to be a most successful and enjoyable affair, and no one who attends will regret it.

TICKETS for the benefit to be tendered Ralph Whitehead at the Opera House next month by his fellow employees in the postoffice are selling rapidly. Those who have not purchased tickets can get them from any of the employees of the office or the letter carriers.

MAGGIE BAKER was arrested by Officer Seally for being drunk and disorderly in her house on Market street above Tenth. She had a boy baby, which the officer did not think ought to be left in the house, and it was taken to the lockup with her. The neighbors called in the police.

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GENERAL NOTICES.

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